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Mr. Alan T. Waterman
Director
National Science Foundation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Waterman:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 10 enclosing the volume on Soviet Professional Handbooks.

While I have not yet had an opportunity to study it in its entirety, this appears to be an excellent piece of work and I am very pleased to have it.

Very sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The National Science Foundation believes that a knowledge of the capabilities of other nations in science and technology is not only useful as working knowledge for our own scientists but is essential to the development of national science policy for this country. Therefore, in addition to acquiring data on the research and development effort in the United States, we have also been acquiring data on the status of science and technology in other countries.

Widespread lack of knowledge of the Slavic languages and other problems have made the acquisition of data on the scientific effort in the USSR a matter of peculiar difficulty. Accordingly, the National Science Foundation was pleased to sponsor, in collaboration with the National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council, a study of the Soviet educational system, with special reference to the education, training, and utilization of scientists, engineers, and other professional specialists. A two-year study of the subject has resulted in a definitive volume, Soviet Professional Manpower--Its Education, Training and Supply, by Nicholas DeWitt, of the Russian Research Center, Harvard University.

We believe that this publication will be useful, not only to scientists and other scholars, but will also be an important source of informa-

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tion for makers of public policy. It is my
pleasure to forward a copy for your personal use.

Cordially yours,

Allen P. Dulles
Director

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Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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